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Ms. Vanessa Countryman
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Ms. Countryman,

Rule change 5605(f) is being proposed to require Nasdaq-listed companies to have more diverse public boards, with more Asian American, African American, Hispanic American, Native American and LGBTQ+ representation. It also would require companies to explain why their company does not have at least two directors on its board who self-identify in the categories listed above.

We at Committee of 100 applaud this rule change and would encourage the swift adoption of such changes. The Committee of 100 was founded as a non-profit organization more than 30 years ago with a dual mission: promoting the full participation of all Chinese Americans in American society and advancing the constructive dialogue and relationships between the peoples and leaders of the United States and Greater China.

We believe that Nasdaq's diversity proposal is in the public's interest and will enhance corporate governance, board decision-making, investor protections and investor confidence.

Thank you.

The Committee of 100